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Occupational Safety in Public Sector
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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether occupational safety and health is an integral part of the public sector management which employs about 14 lakh officials across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken so far in this regard;

(c) whether it is true that occupational safety and heatlh increases productivity and performance and contribute to building a culture of safety and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether the Standing Conference of Public Sector Enterprises held a workshop on occupational accidents and diseases recently; and

(e) if so, the details and outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES & PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
(SHRI G. M. SIDDESHWARA)

(a) to (c): Relevant legislation related to industrial safety and health such as The Factories Act, 1948, The Mines Act, 1952 and The Dock Workers (Safety, Health & Welfare) Act, 1986 etc. which are also applicable in respect of Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) have elaborate provisions regarding occupational safety, health and welfare issues of employees of such organisations. Further, National Policy on Safety, Health and Environment at Work Place, Government of India, Ministry of Labour and Employment, recognizes that safety, health of workers has a positive impact on productivity and economic and social development. It is the responsibility of the concerned CPSE to take steps in accordance with the provisions of the said legislation and Policy of the Government for ensuring occupational safety, health and welfare of its employees.

(d) & (e): Standing Conference of Public Sector Enterprises (SCOPE) had organized 5th National Workshop on Strategies for improving Occupational Safety and Health in CPSEs on December 15-16, 2015 at Delhi. The workshop had sessions on the topics such as Disaster Management, Developing Safety Culture in CPSEs, Adoption of Life Style for Healthy Living, Prevention of Occuptional Diseases etc. and experience sharing was done on these issues for the benefit of the CPSEs to enable them to develop and adopt company specific strategies in this regard.
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